

### **Remarks**

Claims 1-12 and 15-16 remain pending. Claim 13-14 and 17-20 are hereby canceled without prejudice to facilitate issuance of the remaining claims. Claims 1 and 15 are hereby amended. No new matter is being added.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Original claims 19 and 20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Base (independent) claim 1 is now amended so as to incorporate the limitations of allowable dependent claim 20. There are no intervening claims. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-12 depend from claim 1. Hence, applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-12 are also now in condition for allowance.

Base (independent) claim 15 is now amended so as to incorporate the limitations of allowable dependent claim 19 and to also incorporate the limitations of intervening claims 17 and 18. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 15 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 16 depends from claim 15. Hence, applicants respectfully submit that claim 16 is also now in condition for allowance.

**Conclusion**

For the above-discussed reasons, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-12 and 15-16 are now in form for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

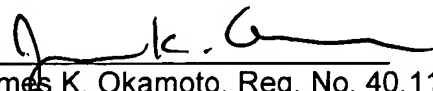
The Examiner is also invited to call the below-referenced attorney to discuss this case.

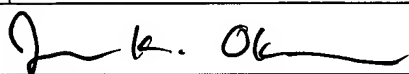
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